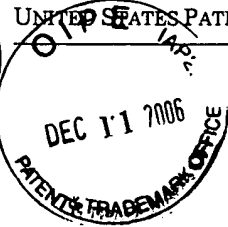




UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

NOVARTIS
CORPORATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
ONE HEALTH PLAZA 104/3
EAST HANOVER NJ 07936-1080

COPY MAILED

NOV 28 2006

In re Application of

ASCHER, et al.

Application No. 10/510,532

Filed: October 7, 2004

Attorney Docket No. IB/G-32439A

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed October 27, 2006.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by John Thallemer on behalf of all attorneys of record. All attorneys/agents associated have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The request to change the correspondence of record is not acceptable as the requested correspondence address is not that of: (1) the first named signing inventor; or (2) an intervening assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R. 3.71. All future communications from the Office will be directed to the first named signing inventor at the first copied address below until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-7253.

Monica A. Graves
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

cc: GERD ASCHER
DAXERFELD 3
KUNDL, AUSTRIA 6250

cc: D. PETER HOCHBERG CO, LPA
1940 EAST 6TH STREET, 6TH FLOOR
CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2294



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING OR 371 (c) DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY. DOCKET NO./TITLE
10/510,532	10/07/2004	Gerd Ascher	IB/G-32439A

1095
NOVARTIS
CORPORATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
ONE HEALTH PLAZA 104/3
EAST HANOVER, NJ 07936-1080

CONFIRMATION NO. 8872



OC000000021369761

Date Mailed: 11/27/2006

NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 10/27/2006.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

MONICA A GRAVES
OP (571) 272-7253

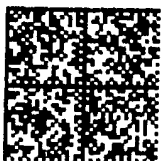
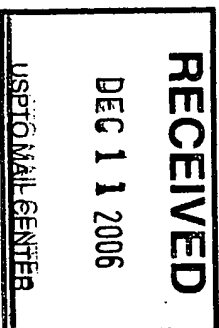
FORMER ATTORNEY/AGENT COPY

Organization _____ Bldg./Room _____
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Va. 22313-1450
If Undeliverable Return In Ten Days
Official Business
Penalty For Private Use, \$300

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

GERD ASCHER
DAXERFELD 3
KUNDL, AUSTRIA 6250

RETURN TO SENDER
SHORT PAID



UNITED STATES POSTAGE
U.S. OFFICIAL MAIL
PENALTY FOR
PRIVATE USE \$300
02 1A
0004204479
NOV 28 2006
MAILED FROM ZIP CODE 22314
\$ 00.390
PRIMEV BOWES

00143/0001

